REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are in the present application. In the Examiner's Office Action, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of the following six (6) groups for prosecution in connection with the present application. The six groups are as follows:

Group I, including claims 24-27, allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method in a radio telephone system being a zoned or cellular telephone system having channel allocation, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 450;

Group II, including clams 19-23, allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method in a radio telephone system being a zoned or cellular telephone system having a specific paging technique, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 458;

Group III, including claim 28, allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method in a radio telephone system having auxiliary data signaling, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 466;

Group IV, including claims 8-11 and 15-18, allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method having the transmitter and receiver at separate stations with plural transmitters or receivers with a central station with control channel monitoring, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 515;

Group V, including clams 1-8, allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method having the transmitter and receiver at separate stations with plural transmitters or receivers with a central station having talk groups, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 518; and

Group VI, including claims 12-14, allegedly drawn to claims 1-8 and allegedly drawn to a telecommunication method having the transmitter and receiver at separate stations with plural

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transmitters or receivers with a central station having talk groups with talk group forming, allegedly classified in class 455, subclass 519.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully elect Group V, including claims 1-7 without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims at a later stage, depending on the results of examination of the elected claims. An early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-31 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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